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Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Final Office Action be extended one month from November 13, 2003 to Monday, December 15, 2003 by the filing of this Petition for Extension of Time and fee payment.

The appropriate fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time for a large entity. Applicants request that this fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387. Further, if additional extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Authorization for The United States Patent and Trademark Office to charge any fee deficiency is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

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